

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. It is also a testing of the waters (like children) to see how far they can go in disregarding the rules that apply to everyone else.

When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Please please do not let this pass unnoticed. That would be setting a precedence. Thank you.